IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Karl Frederick POETTER et al.

Application No. : 10/517,003 Filed : August 19, 2005

For : A NUCLEIC ACID ANCHORING SYSTEM COMPRISING

COVALENT LINKAGE OF AN OLIGONUCLEOTIDE TO A

SOLID SUPPORT

Examiner : Jezia Riley

Art Unit : 1637

Docket No. : 940120.402USPC
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2009, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on December 22, 2009. Enclosed is a Petition for an Extension of Time and authorization to charge the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.